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SITUATION

1. IN INTERVIEW WITH LOCAG NEWSMEN BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK
ON JULY 28, GPRM FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO SAID THAT HE WAS
GOING TO UN TO PARTICIPATE IN CURRENT SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON
ALLEGED SOUTH AFRICAN AGGRESSION AGAINST ZAMBIA, CLAIMED THAT RHODESI
AN
ATTACKS AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE AND SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACKS AGAINST ZAMBIA
ARE LINKED AND ARGUED THAT "IMPERIALISTS, CAPITALIST, ZIONISTS, AND
RACISTS" HAVE ADOPTED COMMON STRATEGY TOWARD AFRICA, I.E., ONE OF
SYSTEMATICALLY VIOLATING THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF AFRICAN STATES
AND FRUSTRATING THE ATTEMPTS OF OPPRESSED AFRICANS TO GAIN THEIR
INDEPENDENCE.

2. ON THE LINKAGE BETWEEN THE ATTACKS ON ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE,
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CHISSANO REPORTEDLY SAID: "WE THINK THAT THIS AGGRESSION IS NOT

AGAINST ZAMBIA ALONE,BUT IS AGAINST ALL OF AFRICA AND IN PARTICULAR
AGAINST OUR REGION OF AFRICA. FOR THIS WE THINK THAT THE ATTACK
AGAINST ZAMBIA CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE ATTACKS AGAINST MOZAMBIQU
E
BY THE FORCES OF THE SMITH REGIME. WE KNOW THAT ON THE PART OF
RHODESIAN THERE IS A TIGHT LINK BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICAN AND THE ILLEGAL
GOVERNMENT OF IAN SMITH. THPS IS VERIFIED IN THE ATTITUDE AND
YUPPORT THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS GIVE RHODESIA. BECAUSE OF THIS
SUPPORT, SMITH IS CAPABLE OF ATTACKING US, AND WE ARE DECLARING
THAT THSE ATTACKS ARE UNDERTAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGY AND
TACTIC WHICH WAS CONCEIVED BY SOUTH AFRICA."

3. CHISSANO ALSO SAID THAT THE ISRAELI RESCUE MISSION AT ENTEBEE
AIRPORT WJS PART OF THE "IMPERIALIST STRATEGY" TO DEPRIVE AFRICAN
STATES OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY. FURTHERMORE, HE ALLEGED THAT THE UGANDA
RAID WAS LINKED TO THE STRATEGY OF THE CAPITALIST, ZIONIST AND RACIST
COUNTRIES VIS-A-VIS SOUTH AFRICA.

4. COMMENT: FROM OUR READING OF CHISSANO'S REMARKS TO THE PRESS,
ONE OF HIS OBJECTIVES IN NEW YORK WILL BE TO BROADEN THE CURRENT
SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICAN AGGRESSION INTO ONE
THAT ENCOMPASSES RHODESIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE.
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